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Sun, sand and sewage

- New York's seawater exceeds state bacteria levels
- Environmental group says city does poor job warning residents of risk

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▶ Bensonhurst resident Katelin Colacrai, 8, swims in the surf at Coney Island yesterday. Nearly 10 percent of water samples taken off Coney Island last year tested higher than state standards for bacteria, which often comes from untreated human sewage.

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Princess Di at age 50: What if?

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Sewage by the sea: City beaches tainted

- New report shows city beaches surpassed state contamination levels for pollution
- Public beachgoers swam in sewage-tainted water in 2010
- But private beaches closed when high levels of bacteria were present

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▶ A family digs in the sand amid refuse washed ashore on Coney Island yesterday. "Before you jump in the water this weekend, you should consider what else might be in it," said Larry Levine of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Stay away

More than 20 of New York state's beaches exceeded standards 20 percent of the time. But these are some of the dirtiest in the city:

- Douglaston Manor Beach, a "perennial bad performer," Levine said, showed samples exceeding state levels 25 percent of the time and was closed or posting advisories on 54 days, about half of beach season.
- The Bronx's Danish American Beach Club's water samples exceeded state standards 15 percent of the time last year — and was closed or had advisories 15 times.
- At Nassau County's Laurel Hollow beach, water samples exceed state levels 15 percent of the time, and it was closed or posted advisories 27 days.
- Whitestone Beach in Queens was closed or had signs 21 times last year.

New York's beachgoers will likely have no idea they may be swimming with sewage this summer.

According to a Natural Resources Defense Council report released yesterday, none of the city's eight public beaches was closed by officials last year, despite the fact that half of them reported levels of bacteria that exceeded recommended state standards.

"They're not proactively alerting anyone," NRDC senior attorney Larry Levine said of the city Health Department. "It's important for people to know to protect their health."

The city closed private beaches, or posted advisories, more than 200 times in 2010 because tests revealed high levels of contaminated water.

Bacteria can come from untreated human sewage that leaks into water, or strong rains flooding everyday dirt — grime from streets, pet urine on the sidewalk — into the sea. The bacteria can cause illnesses such as stomach flu, pink eye and dysentery.

In Coney Island alone, nine percent of all water samples taken along the beach between Sixth and 27th streets exceeded state standards, according to the report.

Those bacteria levels should have prompted closures — or the Health Department should have at least posted an advisory to swimmers, Levine said.

The Health Department defended their decision not to close any public beaches last year. Four public beaches — Coney Island, Orchard Beach, Wolfe's Pond and Manhattan Beach — exceeded state levels, but retesting showed they were safe, the department told Metro in a statement. Some private beaches are more susceptible to closure due to their location, said a department spokeswoman, such as Douglaston Manor Beach in Queens, which is near a failing septic system.

Safety first

Levine offers advice for beachgoers before heading out this weekend to relax by the waves.

- Check the safety of your beach — avoid seaside discharge pipes, sewage centers, marinas and landfills, which can all leak contaminants into water.
- After a heavy rainfall, which can push dirt into the sea, wait 36 hours so the pollution can dissipate.
- Keep your head above water and opt not to swim if you have cuts that could become infected.

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In the news

Bar owner in coma after crash

The owner of two bars was in a coma yesterday after being hit by a car while on his bike. Ray Deter, 53, who owns d.b.a. New York and d.b.a. Brooklyn in Williamsburg, was in critical condition. His wife told the Daily News that he was not wearing a helmet.

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Careful at Coney

NEW YORK. Yesterday, the beach at America's Playground was littered with plastic bags and broken glass.

"I don't go in the water and I don't let my children, either," said Ingrid Cuevas, 36, whose parents live in Coney Island. "I feel like I would get a disease."

Other New Yorkers agreed. "I was looking for seashells, and I found broken glass, plastic bags, bottle caps and wrappers from Nathan's," said Bronx resident Monique Anguah.

"I wanted to take my shoes off but I was scared."
MONIQUE ANGUAH, 29

Barbara Romanelli, 30, of Bensonhurst, acknowledged the water wasn't the cleanest, but brought her kids anyway. "I've been coming my whole life," she said. METRO/EAE

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East siders shut out of July 4 show

East Side New Yorkers are grumbling about Macy's decision, for the third year in a row, to host their legendary fireworks display over the Hudson River.

The West Side location makes it nearly impossible for residents in Brooklyn, Queens and on the East Side of Manhattan to see, many say. Prior to 2009, the fireworks were held in the East River for fifteen years.

Playwright Joshua Conkel, 30, used to walk to the Willliamsburg waterfront near his apartment to watch the East River spectacle. But not last year. "I didn't even watch them," he says.

"This scale and show design would not be possible on another waterway."
ORLANDO VERAS, MACY'S SPOKESPERSON

"Having them in the Hudson only accommodates people who live on the West Side or New Jersey, which doesn't seem very New York-centric to me," he told Metro.

The event Monday will feature six barges end-to-end. The fireworks will start at 9:20 p.m. on July Fourth.

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▶ Last year's Macy's Fourth of July fireworks display could be seen at 42nd Street — but not from Brooklyn or Queens.

Egg-laying turtles delay flights at JFK

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JFK AIRPORT. Airplanes at JFK were forced into delays yesterday morning when turtles were seen crawling over the runways. An estimated 100 diamondback terrapins inched along the tarmac. The turtles show up every year at about this time, experts explained, to lay eggs in the sandy beaches around Jamaica Bay. METRO/AB

Maids learn self-defense

UPPER EAST SIDE. Hotel maids are ready to fight back. Housekeepers at The Pierre Hotel are learning karate a month after Dominique Strauss-Kahn was charged with attempted rape of a housekeeper at the Sofitel hotel. The New York Post reported that staff at The Pierre is taking self-defense classes with a black-belt instructor. A banker, Mahmoud Abdel-Salam Omar, pleaded guilty last week to groping a hotel maid at The Pierre. METRO/AB

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MTA is shielding bus drivers

One week after a bus driver landed in the hospital after being attacked by a passenger, MTA's chairman, Jay Walder, announced yesterday the plan to expand a pilot program that installs protective shields for drivers.

The MTA started the pilot a year ago, outfitting five buses in Brooklyn with shields. Yesterday, they vowed to order 100 more shields, made of safety glass, and aim to have them on buses in a few weeks.

The goal is to have 464 buses outfitted by the end of the year, said MTA spokesperson Charles Seaton. Eventually, the MTA hopes to outfit the entire bus fleet with shields.

Last Tuesday, a bus driver was dragged out of her seat and beaten when she told a teen girl she couldn't bring her dog on board.

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Grisly origins

The MTA decided to try out the shields after bus driver Edwin Thomas was stabbed to death in 2008 on the B46 in Bedford-Stuyvesant. He was killed after refusing a passenger a free transfer.

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Outdoor activities. Cooling down

▶ Residents make use of the Kosciusko Pool as the city opened its 54 outdoor public swimming pools yesterday.

Pools on for summer!

Some city pools offer free swim classes for kids and free lap-lane swims for adults from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/parks. METRO/CB

Giuliani gets the gay wedding jitters

MIDTOWN. A car dealer says former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is going back on a promise he made to marry him and his gay partner now that same-sex marriage is legalized.

Howard Koeppel and his partner Mark Hsiao let Giuliani stay with them for six months in 2001 while Giuliani was going through a divorce. During that time, Koeppel asked the mayor if he would marry them and Giuliani promised to do it once "it becomes legal in New York," Koeppel told the New York Post. Now Giuliani, who is publicly against gay marriage, is not returning repeated phone calls to make good on his offer, said Koeppel.

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Subway station torched

PROSPECT PARK. Two men set fire to a subway station booth yesterday morning at the Prospect Park station on the Q line, trapping the agent inside, according to the MTA. The men poured gasoline into the opening of the booth at around 5 a.m., followed by a lit match. The station agent put out the fire and was able to escape. MTA officials think it was likely a robbery attempt.

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Principal plagiarized graduation speech?

HELL'S KITCHEN. The principal of a middle school for writers allegedly tried to plagiarize a graduation speech when he spoke at the school's commencement Friday. The New York Daily News reported that Joseph Anderson, head of the Clinton School for Writers and Artists, recited part of a speech that David Foster Wallace gave without giving him proper attribution. Anderson said he thought that he had identified Wallace as the author of the "anecdote," he told reporters. METRO/AB

▶ Isayah Muller led Truman to a city championship last fall.

Star football player killed

City champion stabbed just hours after his high school graduation

A star high school football player was killed in a fight just hours after attending his graduation ceremonies at Truman High School in the Bronx.

Isayah Muller, 19, a running back, died of a stab wound to his heart, said police.

The tragedy occurred after Isayah's father, Andre Muller, 40, parked his car at M.T. Jerome Town Corp lot at about 9 a.m. Tuesday, and walked to attend his son's graduation, held at the nearby Lehman College campus.

After graduation, the father discovered items missing from his car, according to police.

Father charged

In a move that stunned Muller's family, Andre Muller was charged with assault and criminal possession of a weapon, according to police. The parking lot attendants are still being questioned.

Father and son returned to the parking lot, where Muller accused the attendants of stealing.

An argument and fight ensued, said police, resulting in Isayah being fatally stabbed in the chest.

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Small headway on wildfire

POJOAQUE, N.M. A wildfire raged for a fourth day sparking miniblazes within one of the nation's top nuclear arms production complexes yesterday even as firefighters for the first time gained some ground in corralling the flames.

The so-called Las Conchas Fire, which continued to throw small offshoots onto the property of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, has scorched nearly 70,000 acres of adjacent pine woodlands since erupting Sunday in the Santa Fe National Forest. **REUTERS**

Greece backs austerity plan

ATHENS. Greek police fired teargas and battled masked demonstrators who attacked the finance ministry yesterday after lawmakers passed the first of two austerity bills demanded by international lenders to stave off default. **REUTERS**

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In the 10 years since U.S. troops went into Afghanistan after 9/11, spending on war has totaled nearly $2.7 trillion. That doesn't include at least $1 trillion more in interest payments coming due and many billions more in expenses that cannot be counted, according to a study.

Amid debt talks, a call for stimulus

Obama pushes for new construction loans, payroll tax cut extension Warns GOP on tax breaks for wealthy

President Barack Obama called yesterday for new measures to spur hiring that are likely to further complicate talks with Republicans to bring the country's spiraling debt under control.

Obama's call came as the International Monetary Fund and the Treasury Department urged Washington to reach a deal soon. His push for new construction loans and an extension of a payroll tax cut could further alienate Republicans already incensed by Democratic demands for new tax revenue.

Challenging lawmakers to make "substantial progress" by the end of this week or cancel plans for the July Fourth holiday, Obama also sought to up pressure on Republicans by tying them to tax breaks for millionaires while warning about default.

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▶ Obama

"If the United States government, for the first time, cannot pay its bills, it defaults, then the consequences for the U.S. economy will be significant and unpredictable," he told a White House news conference, reminding Republican Party backers on Wall Street of the stakes involved.

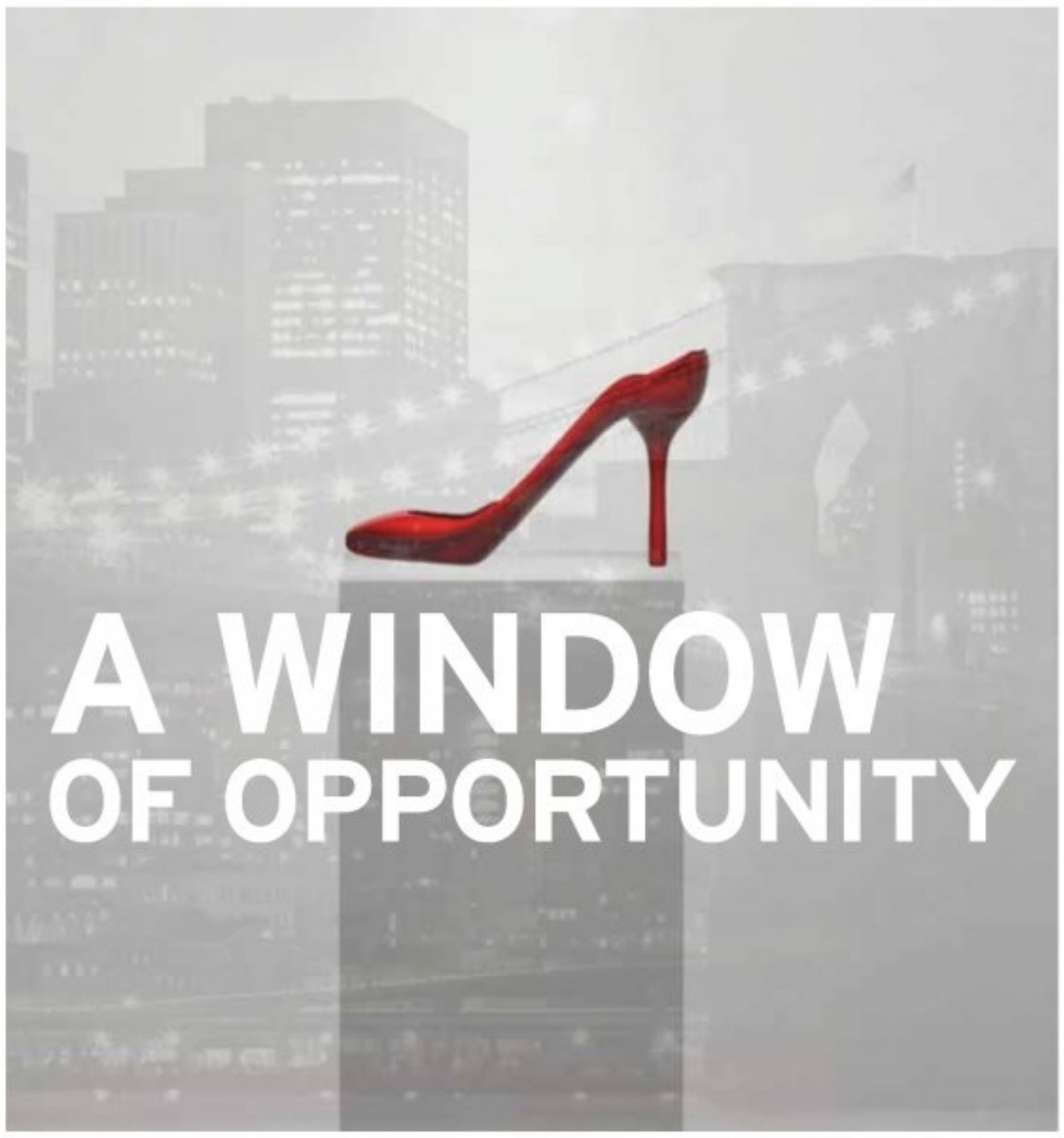
With the country still struggling to emerge from the deepest recession since the 1930s, Obama said Congress needs to take steps to bring down the 9.1 percent unemployment rate even as it weighs medium-term austerity measures. **REUTERS**

Obama praises NY gay marriage

President Barack Obama yesterday praised New York's move to legalize same-sex marriage but stopped short of endorsing it himself, maintaining a stance that has frustrated many liberal supporters.

"What I've seen happen over the last several years, and what happened in New York last week, I think, was a good thing," he told a news conference.

New York became the most populous state to allow gay marriage on June 24, in a high-profile victory for gay rights activists ahead of the 2012 presidential and congressional elections. **REUTERS**



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▶ This photoshopped image of Princess Diana at age 50 appeared on the Newsweek website, fueling debate over her zombie-like appearance. What do you think?

Diana at 50:

On July 1, Princess Diana would have turned 50 Metro speaks with royal commentators, who reveal what her life would have been like Behind the Newsweek photoshop

Busy on Twitter and Facebook, committed in humanitarian causes, remarried and living in New York: This would have been Princess Diana's life had she been alive to celebrate her 50th birthday tomorrow.

At least, that's according to one renowned royal commentator and another book publisher chronicling Lady Di's life, with whom Metro spoke this week ahead of today's commemorative date.

British-born journalist and Diana biographer Andrew Norton believes at age 50, Diana would have America's East Coast as her homestead. "She would probably have ended up buying a house there," Norton told Metro. "In the last years of her life, Diana was heading west, mixing with the movers and shakers of New York City and Washington, D.C. She was spending time with big hitters, people like Colin Powell, Henry Kissinger and Anna Wintour; she was becoming a familiar fixture on the East Coast social scene."

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What if she lived?

"If she were alive today, she would still be prospering in her role as a humanitarian activist," says Robert Sullivan, managing editor of LIFE Books who received compiled a commemorative photojournalistic book entitled "Diana at 50." "When she died, she and (the then-UK prime minister) Tony Blair were on the verge of talking about what she could do, either officially or semi-officially for the government." Sullivan told Metro that Diana's willingness and attitude to help others less fortunate was evident, even in her childhood: "When we put together this celebratory book, her photographs of her child when she was very young showed her empathy as her greatest talent."

"Her photographs of her child when she was very young showed her empathy as her greatest talent."
SULLIVAN

That attitude for reaching out for others translated later on in Diana's life in her commitment in humanitarian causes. In 1997, she visited Mother Teresa's hospice in Calcutta, and at the same time she visited mine-affected countries like Angola and Bosnia to raise awareness on that issue.

What would not have to go on much further than that tragic summer is the relationship between Diana and Dodi Fayed, who died with her under the Pont de l'Alma in Paris: "The romance between Dodi and Diana was engineered by his father, who forced him to end his engagement to a Californian model in order to pursue the princess," Morton believes. "It was, according to those close to her that summer, just a summer fling — the romance more in the mind of Mohamed Fayed than the princess. She would probably have ended up marrying a wealthy entrepreneur — following a similar path to Jacqueline Kennedy, who married shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis."

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

What were they thinking?

NEW YORK. The most recent cover of Newsweek magazine — featuring a photoshopped image of Princess Diana at age 50, cavorting with new Princess Catherine Middleton — has created quite a stir on the Internet as news outlets and commentators alike ask: What in the world were they thinking? Editor-in-Chief Tina Brown has been on the defensive, making an appearance on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" to explain.

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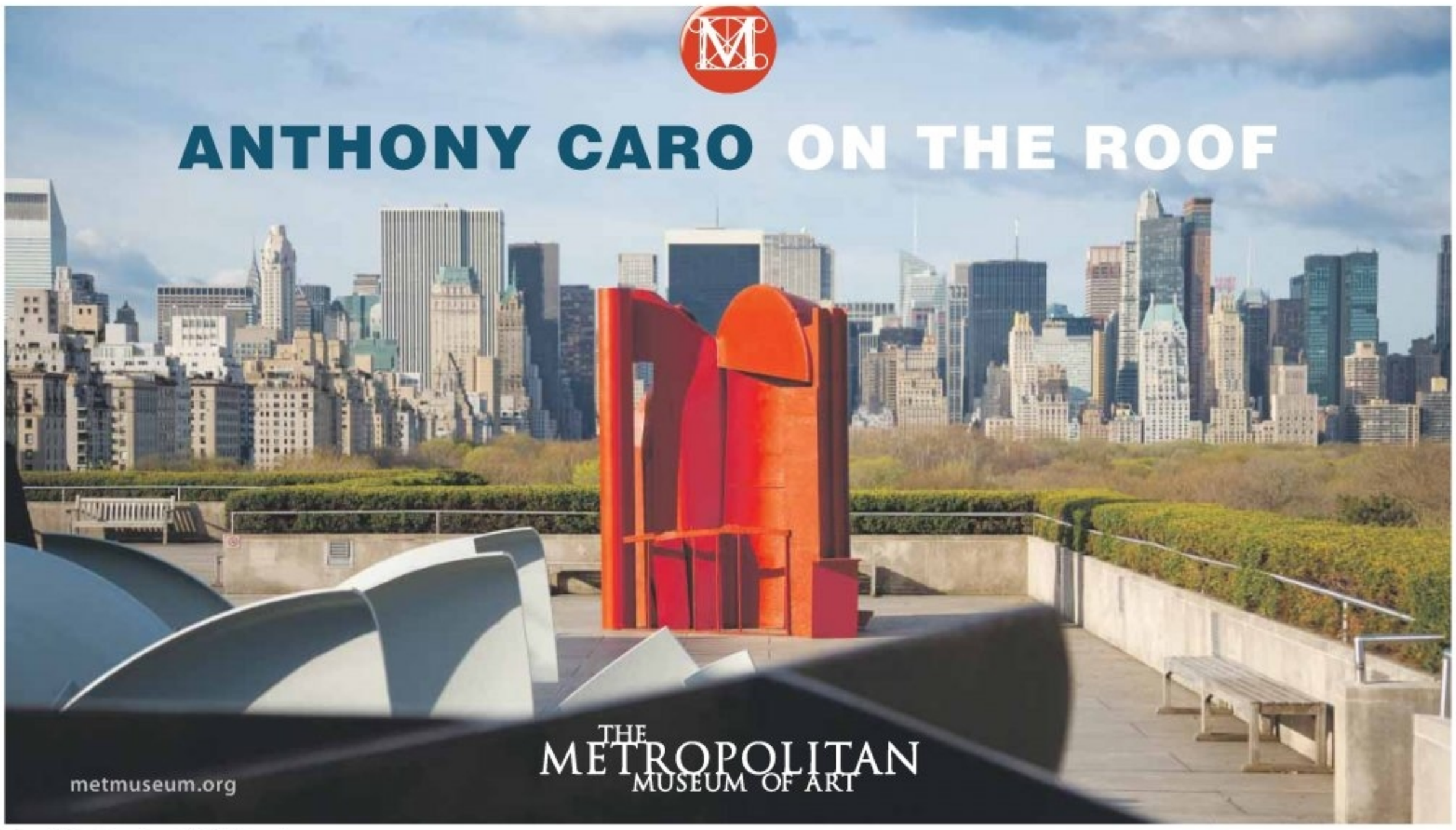
"Some people think it's kind of spooky, and should we have done it?" Brown said. "And, you know, others think it's very effective."

Brown continued: "I found it really interesting to imagine what she would be doing now. ... She loved being in the limelight, but she also would've really sort of professionalized all that humanitarian giving that she was doing." **METRO/BS**

Timeline

Princess Diana's life:

- **1961:** Diana was born on July 1 as the youngest of three daughters of Edward John Spencer, Viscount Althorp, 8th Earl Spencer and Frances Ruth Burke Roche.
- **1981:** Diana and Charles got married in St. Paul's Cathedral, in what many consider the "Wedding of the Century."
- **1982:** Diana gave birth to her first child, William.
- **1984:** Her second child, Harry, was born.
- **1997:** On the night of Aug. 31, Diana, her lover (Dodi Al-Fayed) and their driver Henri Paul died in a car crash under the Pont de l'Alma in Paris.



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Groupon caught by competitors

Groupon Inc.'s share of online daily deals slipped to 48 percent in May from 52 percent the previous month, as rivals including Livingsocial.com closed in on its lead in the growing market for discounts offered on the Web.

LivingSocial claimed 24 percent of the market, up from 20 percent in April, according to website Yipit, which studied online daily deals in 30 major North American cities. Yipit's researchers estimate Chicago-based Groupon made $64.7 million in sales in May, more than double Washington-based LivingSocial's $31.6 million.

Groupon and LivingSocial deliver daily discounts on hotels, restaurants and other goods and services to subscribers on the Web. Closely competing to be third-largest daily deal provider are Travelzoo Inc., Buywithme.com and Gilt City, a site owned by Gilt Groupe Inc. BLOOMBERG

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Online daily deals, a business pioneered by Groupon in 2009, are now delivered by 345 sites and account for about $133 million in revenue in top North American markets.

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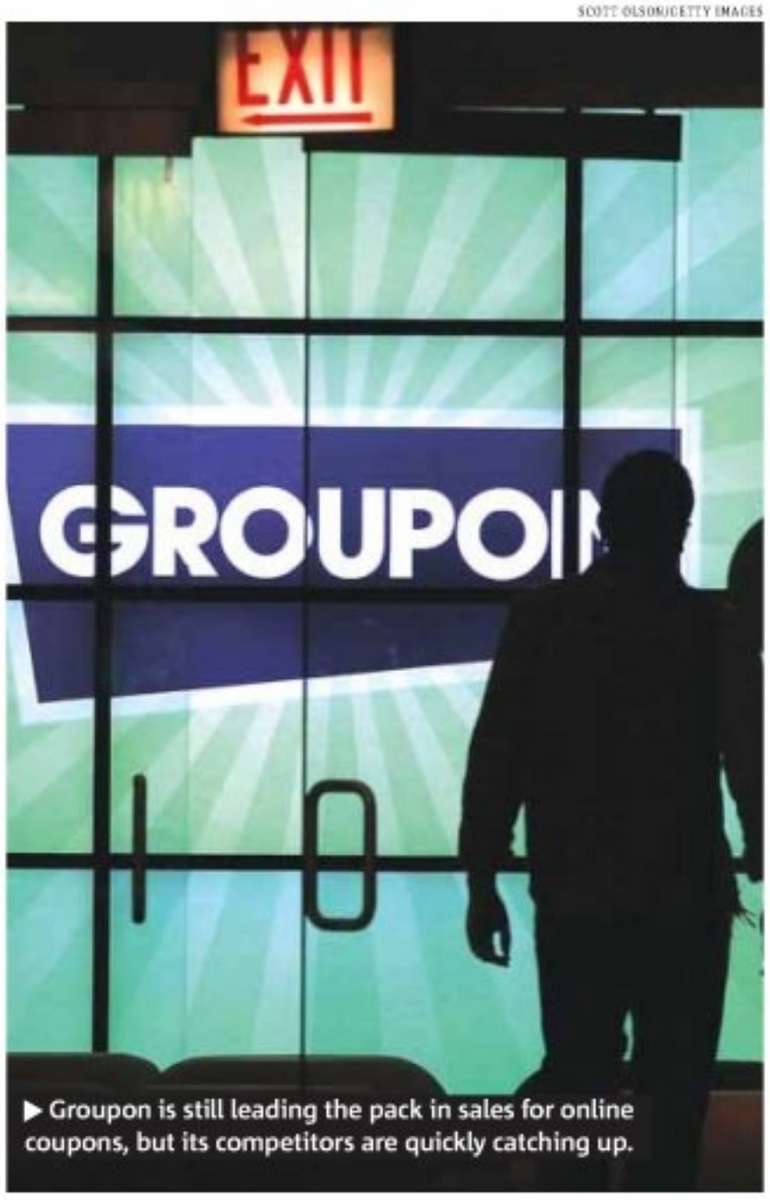

▶ Groupon is still leading the pack in sales for online coupons, but its competitors are quickly catching up.

Myspace sold for a relative pittance

NEW YORK. News Corp. agreed to sell Myspace to Specific Media Inc. for a fraction of what it paid six years ago, ending its efforts to turn around the money-losing social networking business.

News Corp. will receive $35 million, including a 5 percent stake in Specific Media, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who wasn't authorized to speak publicly.

The accord rids News Corp. Chairman Rupert Murdoch of a website that lost its lead in social networking to Facebook Inc. after being acquired in 2005 in a $580 million deal. The company had sought about $100 million for Myspace after COO Chase Carey said in February he wanted a deal completed by the June 30 end of the parent company's fiscal year. BLOOMBERG

What good is it to new owners?

For Specific Media, Myspace's 34.9 million monthly visitors provide an audience for its network of online ads. The company runs an advertising network that places marketers' messages on websites.

- Tim Vanderhook, CEO of Specific Media, takes credit for creating the so-called pop-under advertising unit after the dot-com bust. The company has run campaigns for New England Jeep dealers, Colorado's lottery and Air New Zealand.
- Under the new owners, Myspace isn't likely to rise up and compete with Google or Facebook as a social network, one expert said, but Specific Media can still make the site profitable.

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Winner. 'The Voice'

▶ Javier Colon was named "The Voice" last night. Find full details about the final eight contestants' tour dates this summer at www.nbc.com/the-voice.

Javier is 'Voice' winner

After performing the original song "Stitch by Stitch" last night, Javier Colon was deemed "The Voice" by voting viewers on the hit NBC reality competition. Claiming the win for "Team Adam Levine," the celebrity mentor who selected the soulful pop singer during auditions in Episode 1, Colon wins $100,000 and a record deal with Universal Republic.

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Just how much fun was The Countess having?

Countess LuAnn de Lesseps debuted two things Tuesday night at a party thrown for her by Life & Style magazine in New York: A new music video for the song "Chic C'est La Vie" and a new blond hairstyle. Also, it should be mentioned that she was having a lot of fun. Lots and lots of it. Heaps.

"I wanted to look glamorous and '30s Hollywood. I've always wanted to go blond and this is my big moment," she told Metro about her haircut, courtesy of **Ted Gibson**. She then proceeded to dissolve into a fit of fun-mentioning. "What fun! You know, singing is a childhood dream come true and it's so much fun and I'm having a great time. What fun to make a music video and to write music and to work on music!"

Just in case it wasn't clear what kind of time she was having, **Jacques Azoulay** (de Lesseps' French boyfriend) drove home the point: "I'm proud and happy of LuAnn because she's having a lot of fun," he told us before mentioning that he "wrote three words in the song — 'c'est bon,'" he disclosed. "[But] I can't sing to save my life. I play the piano. But Luann loves to sing to me."

▶ The Countess, now blond. Fun!

When asked if she was going to channel her inner-Madonna for her performance, the countess laughed us off. "It's just me having fun. The song is having fun and it's about the jet set and it's about confidence and beauty and elegance in the soul. There's a little hidden message in it that I love to do. It's a dream!"

Sounds ... well ... you know.

The dish on the video:

The video features "Real Housewives" co-stars **Kelly Bensimon** and **Jill Zarin** and was shot at The Borgata in Atlantic City. Zarin never thought she'd be in a music video. "I've never fantasized doing one because I can't sing," she says. "I can ice skate, with Salchow [jumps]. I don't really sing in the shower. Actually, I sing one song, 'Hotel California.' When we go to clubs or do karaoke, that's my one go-to song because I know all the words. It doesn't matter how I sing it. I get credit for knowing all the words." Husband **Bobby Zarin** then chimed in: "And I'm her backup!"

We refuse to grant any fun here. Any at all.

— With additional reporting by Jeryl Brunner

Talking points

'Californication' divorcication

Sad news today in celebrity breakups: **David Duchovny** and **Tea Leoni** have separated, their reps confirm to TMZ. Sources tell the website that while the actors are taking some time apart, they have not yet decided if they will file for divorce. The couple previously separated in 2008, later reconciling after Duchovny entered rehab for sex addiction. They have two children, a daughter, 12, and a son, 9.

Duchovny and Leoni

Is J.Lo worth a raise?

Will **Jennifer Lopez**'s greed cost her a judges chair on "American Idol"? She has said she's "on the fence" about returning to "American Idol" next season, but sources close to the show claim the singer is simply angling for a pay hike — and it could cost her the whole gig, according to Popeater. Producers are reportedly already discussing replacements — including **Shania Twain** and **Shakira** — for Lopez, who earned $12 million for her first season as a judge on the reality competition. "Right now the star of 'American Idol' is **Steven Tyler**," a source says. "Everyone thought after **Simon [Cowell]** announced he was leaving that [Lopez] would fill the void. How wrong were they? It's all about Steven, who's already signed on for Season 11."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Tom Arnold is feeling sympathetic, Lindsay Lohan is getting political, Jim Carrey is just trying to help, and Steve Martin is calming down.

▶ @TomArnold
Inspite of or maybe because of all the jokes LaToya Jackson seems like maybe the nicest person on the planet. She needs a big hug. Am I right?

▶ @lindsaylohan
Have you guys seen food and gas prices lately? U.S. $ will soon be worthless if the Fed keeps printing money!

▶ @JimCarrey
I'm in NY because I heard they need another crazy person walkin' around.

▶ @SteveMartinToGo
I've decided not to sue Google over stealing my idea about calling me up and asking me anything.

Carrey

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A 'Breaking Bad' wedgie alert, granny panties and other fun pics

1: Wedgie alert? Betsy Brandt and Bryan Cranston got handsy at AMC's premiere of "Breaking Bad" Season 4 in Los Angeles on Tuesday.
2: Hello DayGlo! Only Rihanna could pull off neon granny panties and make them look hot. Here she is performing Tuesday in Los Angeles.
3: Double-take alert: Doesn't it look like Nicole Kidman is with Katie Holmes? But of course she wouldn't be out with her ex's new wife. It's her sister, Antonia Kidman. The two went shopping yesterday in Sydney, Australia.
4: (Wo)man versus machine: Rosie Huntington-Whiteley looked smashing at the premiere of "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" in Times Square on Tuesday.
5: Pippa Middleton and banker beau Alex Loudon attended the quarterfinal round match between Roger Federer and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at Wimbledon yesterday. Tsonga won!
6: Rapper Cyhi da Prynce popped up at the Heineken Red Star Access Presents G.O.O.D. Music performance at on Tuesday in New York City.

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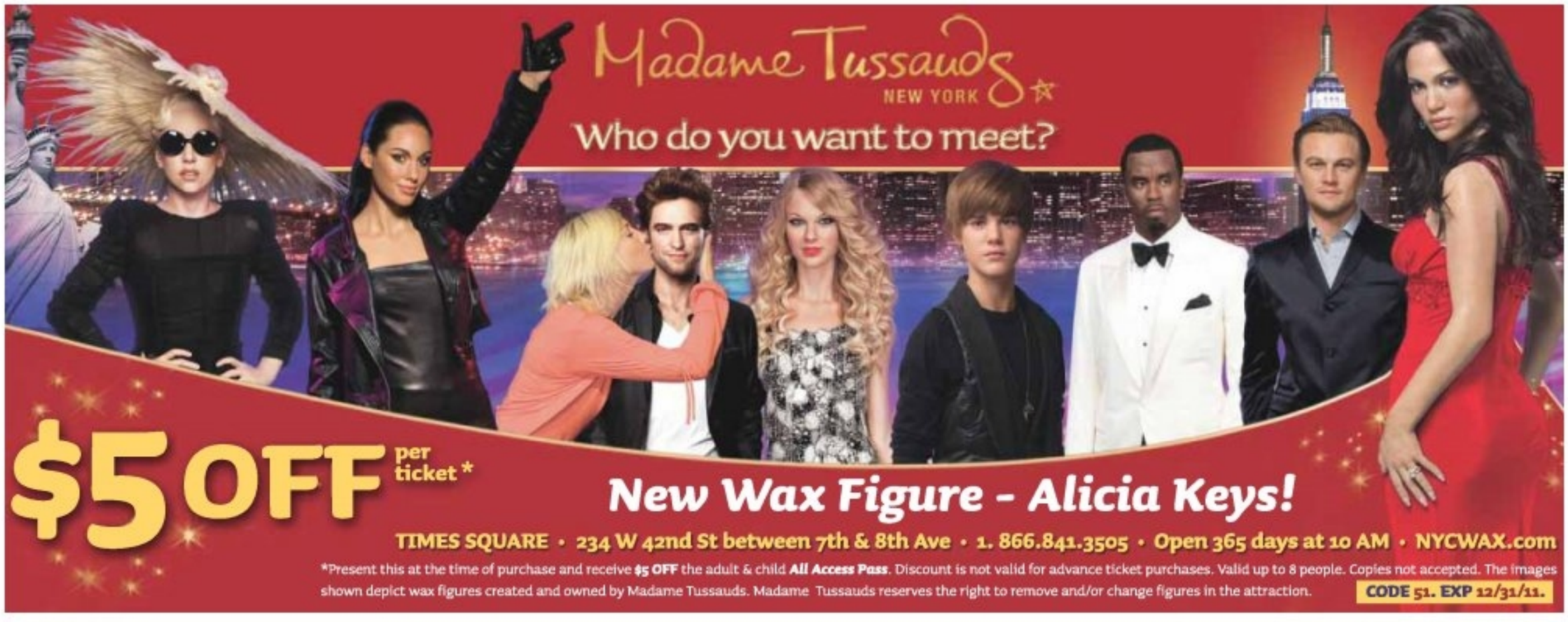

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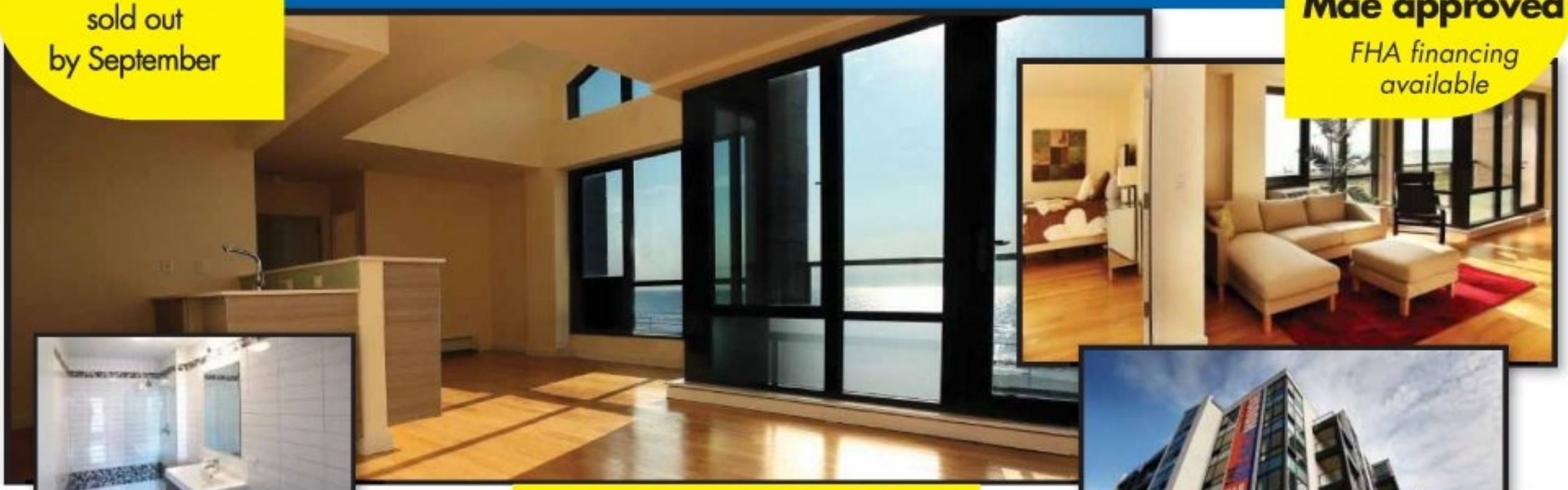

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TV watch list

'Extreme Chef'

REALITY. Chefs compete in "extreme" challenges for a shot at a $10K prize. Apparently, these days you don't earn one of those fancy hats without knowing how to cook on a car engine. **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Food Network**

'Ugly Americans'

COMEDY. The demons build a summer camp as part of a plan to infiltrate a wizard compound. For real! This is our entertainment in a post-Harry Potter world. **Season premiere, 10:30 p.m., Comedy Central** AMBER RAY

10 Reasons to stay cool in theaters this weekend

2 'Larry Crowne' It's nice to see Tom Hanks do something funny after so many dour (and questionably successful) films. As Larry, he's a down-on-his-luck guy trying to rebuild his life by attending community college.

3 'Monte Carlo' Leighton Meester, Katie Cassidy and Selena Gomez star in this tween-ified story about three girls traveling in Paris who are whisked away to Monte Carlo when one of them is mistaken for a British heiress.

4 'Terri' John C. Reilly stars with newcomer Jacob Wysocki in this sweet, low-key comedy about a high school misfit and the vice principal who befriends him.

Must-see

'Transformers: Dark of the Moon'

1 Michael Bay has paid for the sins of the last "Transformers" film with this straightened-out sequel featuring fight scenes in which you can actually see what's going on.

5 'The Perfect Host' David Hyde Pierce stars as a peculiar and particular man who unwittingly invites a criminal on the run to his dinner party. In the end, though, which man is more dangerous?

6 'Cars 2' Owen Wilson and Larry the Cable Guy return to give voice to Lightning McQueen and Mater as they head to the World Prix Grand race.

▶ Shia LaBeouf stars in the third installment of the "Transformers" franchise.

7 'Bad Teacher' "Bad Teacher," "Horrible Bosses" ... apparently, we're having a bit of an employment crisis in Hollywood. This one stars Cameron Diaz as a lazy junior high teacher who decides to get her act together to woo a hot new colleague at the school (Justin Timberlake).

8 'Conan O'Brien Can't Stop' If you're not sick of Conan O'Brien making jokes about last year's late-night drama on NBC, then you need to see this no-holds-barred account of the comedy tour he went on once he lost his "Tonight Show" spot to Jay Leno.

9 'The Green Lantern' Ryan Reynolds saving lives in a skintight suit? Yes, we'll take it, thanks. This comic book adaptation celebrates one of the less notable superheroes with the support of co-stars Blake Lively and Peter Sarsgaard.

10 'Mr. Popper's Penguins' Jim Carrey, as a self-absorbed dad, is forced to rethink his priorities once he inherits six penguins. And no, they don't talk. METRO

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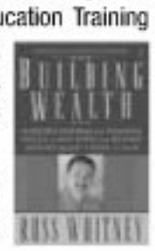

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Nia Vardalos plays nice

The actress and screenwriter says working for Tom Hanks is great — except for the 'alcoholic blackouts'
All kidding aside, Vardalos has nothing but praise for the man who produced her biggest hit, sleeper indie 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding,' almost 10 years ago

Actress, writer and director Nia Vardalos admits that she actually loathes writing — except when it's for Tom Hanks, who's been a close friend and colleague since he produced her first film, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." The pair teamed up for the script of Hanks' latest, "Larry Crowne." Metro caught up with the Winnipeg native to talk about working with Hanks, heading home this summer and the legacy of her breakthrough film.

▶ Nia Vardalos is the co-writer of "Larry Crowne," which hits theaters tomorrow.

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How is Tom as a boss?
Well, besides the alcoholic blackouts, he's awesome. [Laughs] Clearly, you see him. He's one of the most gregarious, fun-loving, well-read, interesting people I've ever met — who happens to be married to my fantastic friend, Rita Wilson. They're just a stellar, shining example of people who have maintained their civility and humanity in a cesspool of an industry.

What makes the three of you click so well?
We're all dorks, and we like to laugh at ourselves and each other.

It's been almost 10 years since "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."
Isn't it hilarious? Just today in Times Square, a gaggle of beautifully black-haired Japanese girls screamed when then saw me. They were all going for their cameras, and this one girl kept bowing and saying, "I am Toula! I am Toula!" That makes me cry. That's a really cool feeling.

You're going home to Winnipeg soon to film an "American Girl" movie.
Yeah, I'm really excited. I'm giddy about getting the chance to go back to Winnipeg and spend some time with my family, but also that I got offered a role that I didn't write. I think I tweeted out that it's another sign of the rapture.

What are you looking forward to most about going back?
I'm looking forward to hanging around with family, and my daughter having time with grandparents and cousins. Also I'm actually a huge fan of the "American Girl" series because they promote girl power without being anti-boy, and I like that.

Q&A

How have you dealt with the pressure of having such a big hit right out of the gate?

I just don't feel it. I don't think of things that way. I'm such an optimist, I feel no pressure whatsoever. I don't look at anything in terms of monetary success because that's rather gauche. I just kind of look at it as that movie opened so many doors for me.

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Bringing something new to the turntable

- Welcome to your newest social-networking and music addiction
- 'Play Music Together' is Turntable.fm's slogan and reason for being

In the days of Napster, there was something so joyful about the "sharing" part of file sharing. Just knowing that the songs you were downloading were from the library of a user who had to be online at that moment was exciting. And this is something that file sharing sites and apps (both legal and illegal) seem to have forgotten — sorry, Ping and Pandora. But that swapping is the very principle that makes Turntable.fm spin.

Launched last month, the site had about 80,000 daily users as of last week.

▶ If you get 1,000 people to click that they like the songs you play on Turntable.fm, then you can use an avatar that looks like Deadmau5.

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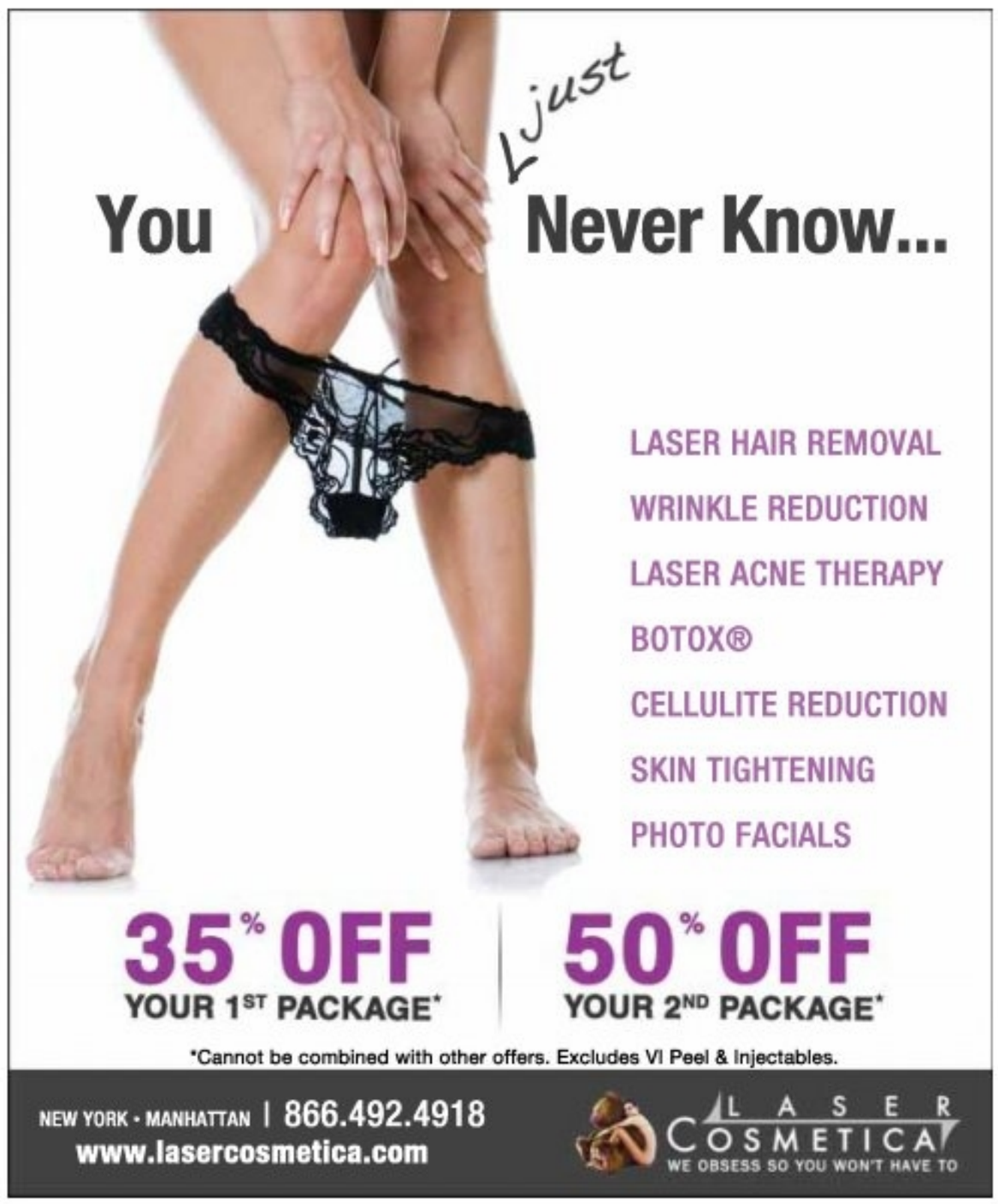
This new online hot spot gives users that feeling of chance and opportunity that's not only like file sharing from bygone days, but like the feeling of actually going into a record store and discovering something cool. That may be too far back for some to remember — but this site, still in beta form, is pure musical fun.

Turntable.fm functions like an online version of iPod Night at your local bar, or a virtual version of putting money in the jukebox and inviting a bunch of friends and strangers to help you spend your money — friends from around the world.

For now, you have to have a friend on Facebook who has logged onto Turntable.fm to try it. If you do, you can either enter a "room" or create one. If you choose to enter one, you'll see on your screen little cartoon people on a stage DJing, and likely a crowd of other characters gathered in front listening. The people on the stage take turns playing songs and generally try to keep their selections within the same tone or



▶ You can't tell from this pic, but everybody is nodding their heads.

Ready to rock out

Turntable founders Seth Goldstein and Billy Chasen seem to still be working out some kinks. Here's what we like and dislike most about the way Turntable.fm is now.

Lame:

- You can't upload your own pics to create your avatar.
- You have to convert M4A files from iTunes into MP3s.
- The music inexplicably stops every now and then.

Awesome:

- You can upload absolutely any MP3 in your collection.
- You have access to a library of songs in the Turntable.fm database.
- You can discover and introduce people to new music.
- If you like a tune somebody plays, you can add it to your queue, buy it from iTunes or use it with Spotify or Last.fm.

Get a 'room'

If you're intimidated to try the turntables in front of a bunch of strangers, virtual or otherwise, create your own room with a group of friends. And if you're the creator of a room, you can actually boot people off the DJ table!

style of music as the previous person. But there's always room for changing it up. Once one of those five people opts out, any of the users in front of the stage can jump up and take a turn. Or you can create a room and keep it among your friends. But when you're dealing with strangers, there's a higher potential for discovering artists you don't already know. If you like what you hear, you click "Awesome," and your cartoon character will bob his or her head up and down and the person who spun the song will get a DJ Point. If you don't like the song, you can click "Lame." Enough "Lame" responses yank the song and give the next DJ the floor. There's also a message board where people in the room can discuss what's playing.

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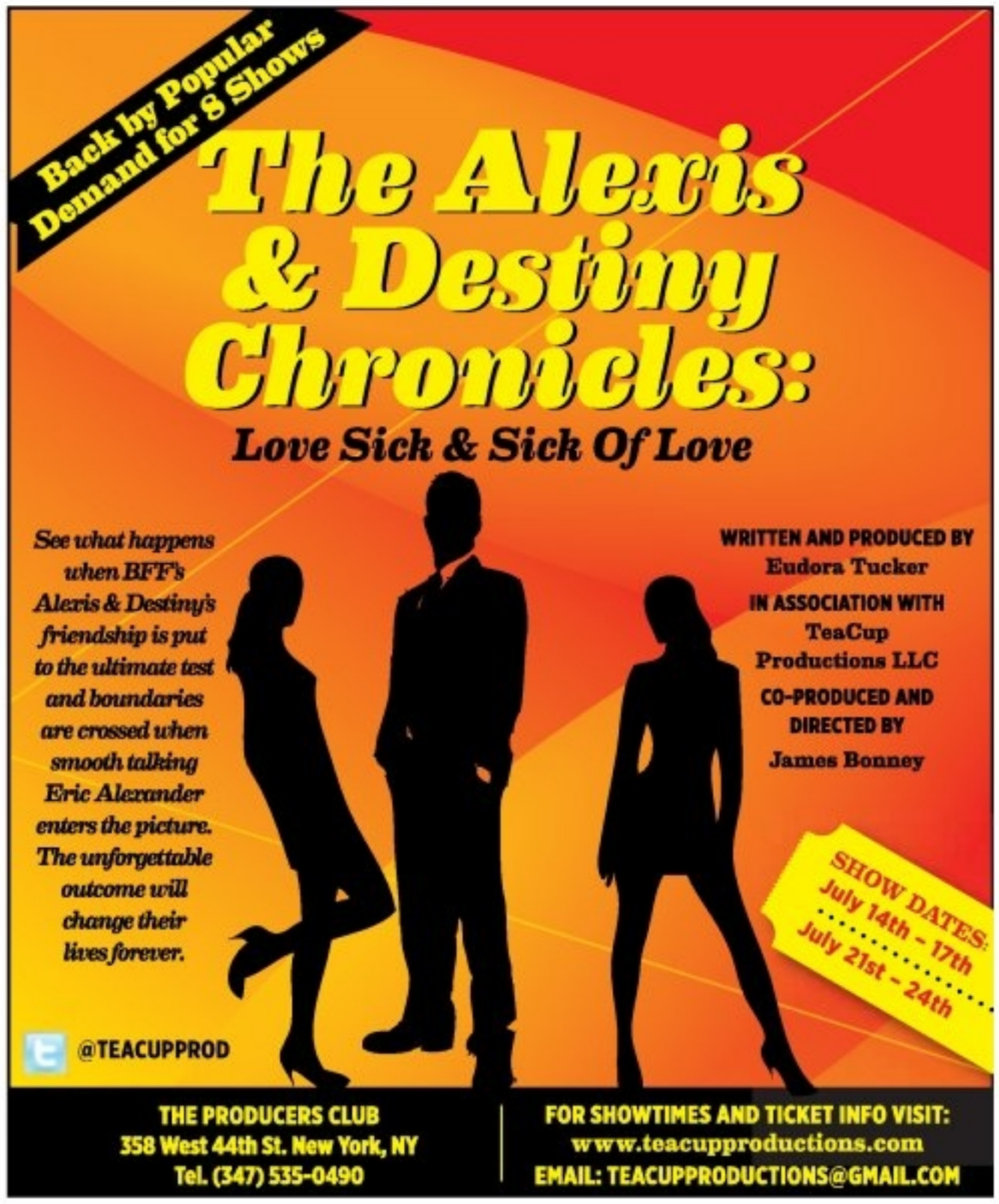

going out

Movies, food and cocktails: Oh my!

Williamsburg is finally getting a much-needed theater
Meet Nitehawk, which brings first-run films and a full-service restaurant to a converted warehouse

Because turning those hot dogs doesn't do much to de-stagnate typical theater fare, the Michelin-starred chef behind Saul and The Vanderbilt in Prospect Heights has teamed up with an Angelika booker and a few other food and film buffs for the new Nitehawk Cinema, a two-level, semi-industrial complex with a bar/cafe on the ground and, on the second floor, three art-house-leaning theaters with a boozy lobby. Here's the setup:

The cafe
Decked in taxidermy, wood accents, leather banquettes and an undulating bar backed by old seat-tags, they're plating everything from barbecue pork belly steamed buns to cotija/mozz/cheddar/salsa verde empanadas to watermelon salad — as well as cocktails, including a rotating one inspired by a now-playing movie.

The lobby
Serving cocktails and beer (eight local and craft drafts with one rotating obscure/seasonal), plus concessions like homemade jerky, chorizo and guac, queso with black beans and crazy-flavored popcorn, this pre-/post-hangout features a marquee'd bar, and a wall lined with VHS action from an owner's old video store, like "Spider Baby," "Bionic Ninja" and "Hustler."

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▶ The Nitehawk Cinema opened last Friday at 136 Metropolitan Ave. in Brooklyn.

The theaters

Food is waiter-serviced from the cafe (which seats you about 45 minutes early to give you time to order), and every two seats have a guitar pick-shaped table between them. If you need anything once the show starts, write your order on a paper-backed mechanism and turn it up "like a flag."

The cafe also hosts private parties and might even rent out its VHS collection. If it's got 1984's "Hot Dog: The Movie," your Friday night just got way less stagnant.

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Author James Patterson eyes kids reading

The prolific novelist has raised the stakes on what it means to be a modern-day publisher And this time he is doing it for one of his passions — getting kids to read

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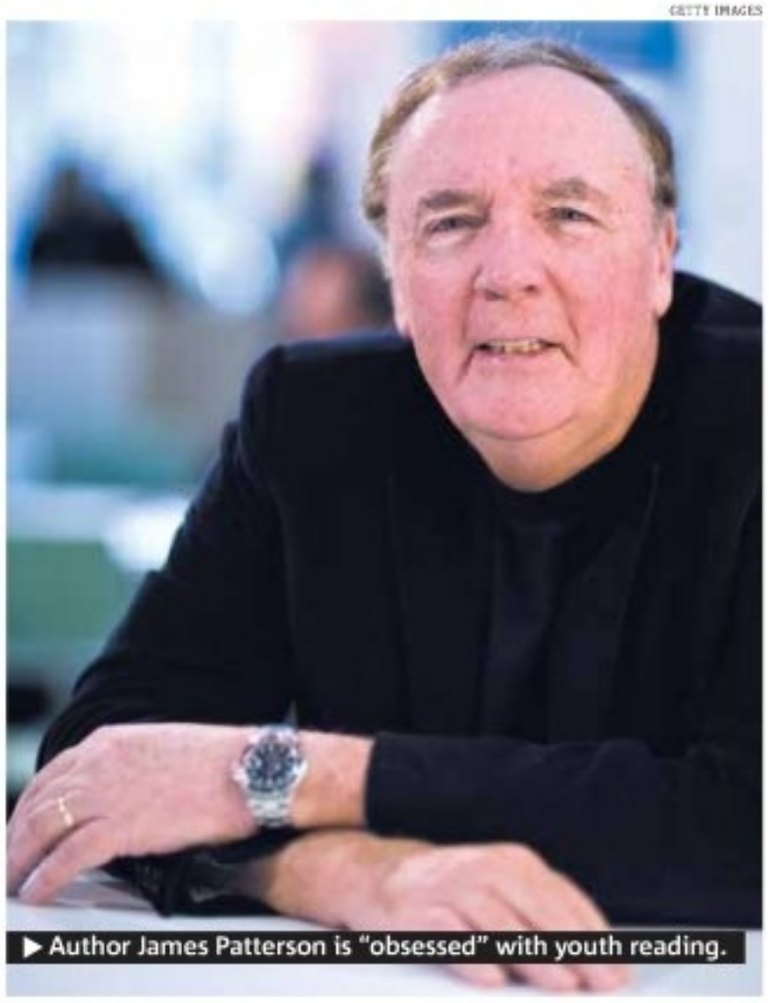

Author James Patterson is "obsessed" with youth reading.

Best-selling author James Patterson, most often equated with being at the forefront of mass-market fiction's dominance of the publishing industry, has this week for the first time released two books on the same day in the United States — one aimed at adults and the other at kids.

The idea, he said, is that parents will enter a book store — physical or online — to buy his new suspense novel, "Now You See Her," and might also pick up his newest fiction for young readers, "Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life."

Some fans will likely praise Patterson for upping his push to get American kids reading more. But there is little doubt that skeptics may think it a plot to boost book sales.

Patterson, who began his career as an advertising guru before becoming a novelist, is a certifiable entertainment mogul. He is responsible for a record 45 New York Times hardcover No. 1s with 230 million copies sold worldwide.

Yet, he says this week's dual-book publishing ploy is not about sales but about exposing kids to novels. And he claims his 17 young-reader books show he is serious about kids, young-adult books and reading.

"I am obsessed with it," said the 64-year-old who launched his website, Readkiddoread.com, in 2008 to help parents pick kids' books. "It's a huge, huge problem in this country.

"But we have millions of kids in this country who have never read a book in their life."

Indeed, one in six U.S. children do not read proficiently by the time they reach the end of third grade, according to the non-profit group Children's Literacy Initiative.

His latest novel for youngsters, "Middle School," which was co-written with Chris Tebbetts, is his first book to target this age group. It aims to be a funny look at classes through the eyes of a boy called Rafe — who copes with bullying, crushes and family changes — complete with wacky illustrations. REUTERS

Media mogul

After starting out in the mid-1970s with a book that scored only modest sales, Patterson now has 83 books published. His work has sold in some 100 countries and has been rewritten in 43 languages. But he didn't stop at publishing novels.

- **Last year,** his company (James Patterson Entertainment) expanded into comic books. This year, his young adult fantasy, "Witch & Wizard," is being made into a movie — and so is another of his books featuring popular detective Alex Cross.

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KERRY & JACQUELINE DONELLI
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– Kerry and Jacqueline Donelli are twin sisters and the filmmakers of the comedy, "Titillating Steven." They are pursuing a master's degree and then a doctorate in mental health counseling in NYC.

After mom's death, girls are still grieving

Dear Twins,
I am a single father to two daughters, ages 13 and 14. Sadly, we lost their mother (and my beloved wife) to cancer less than a year ago. I guess we all are having a difficult time recovering, but I think I hide it better than they do. They're both in counseling, but it doesn't seem to do much good. Do you have any ideas how I can cheer two beautiful, formerly boy-crazy young ladies up? I know it will take time, but their teenage years should be carefree and happy, not laden with sorrow. Please help!
Signed, Distraught

Jacqueline says: Your children have to go through the natural healing process of grief. Often the surviving parent is so incapacitated by his own grief that support from relatives and friends are essential. It is important that the children be able to discuss how they feel. But above all else, accept their time scale. A child's grief may take many years, so don't make it your agenda for them to be back to their happy selves. They just aren't ready.

Kerry says: It's imperative that they seek a "grief counselor," not just any counselor, as they face a very arduous and painful healing process specific to losing a loved one. If their counselor is such and they have been going for some time, perhaps you should seek out a new one. Either way this is going to be a long and slow healing process, so be patient with your children and give them all of your love and support.

Dear Twins,
I allowed my 14-year-old daughter to get a nose job as she was so insecure and constantly complained about it. I really thought it would help her self-esteem. But her nose job looks terrible, like he butchered it! I feel terrible for letting her get one.
Signed, Guilty

Jacqueline says: Damage done. At this point, it would be best to leave your opinion out of it and let your daughter rebuild her self-esteem. If your daughter feels good about

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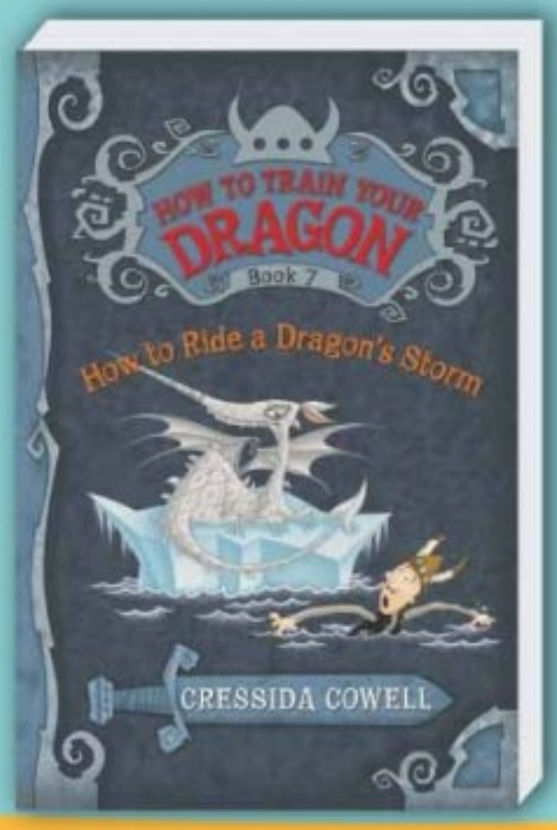

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herself, then mission accomplished.
Kerry says: I agree with Jackie. As long as she's happy with it, that's all the matters.

Dear Twins,
My sister and I attend the same high school. I'm in 10th grade and she's a senior. I know the crowd she runs around with, and I know she's smoking pot. But she's sworn me to secrecy — or should I say she's "threatened" me to secrecy — so I'm afraid to say anything. But our parents can't understand why her grades have gone down so much and why she has such a bad attitude toward them. I could tell them! She's a pothead! What should I do?
Signed, She'll hate me

Jacqueline says: You aren't doing yourself or your sister any favors by withholding information from your parents. Drugs are highly addictive and illegal. The negative consequences of drug use are numerous, to say the least. Inform your parents immediately. There are far worse consequences for her if you don't. Your sister will thank you one day.
Kerry says: I recommend that you try to get her to seek help first. Perhaps you could help her out with finding a therapist or a rehabilitation clinic. If she refuses to go, then I agree with Jackie that you should speak to your parents.

Dear Twins,
My 17-year-old son is late for everything! I can even get him up two hours early, and he'll still be late. The occasion doesn't matter, he's always the cow's tail. Consequently, he's always getting into trouble at school for tardiness. His grades are good, and he can move fast enough if he sees a cute girl. So how can I get this slowpoke to speed up a little and impress upon him the importance of being prompt!
Signed, Had it

Jacqueline says: Reward and punishment often do the trick. Therefore, when he is late, punish him (no TV, computer, video games, etc.) and when is early reward him (an extra hour out, etc.). You get the drift — as will he.
Kerry says: I agree with Jackie. When he starts associating rewards for being on time and punishments for being late, he'll get his act together. Make the punishments unpleasant enough and the rewards worthwhile enough to make a difference. Be consistent and don't renege. I'll bet you see a difference.

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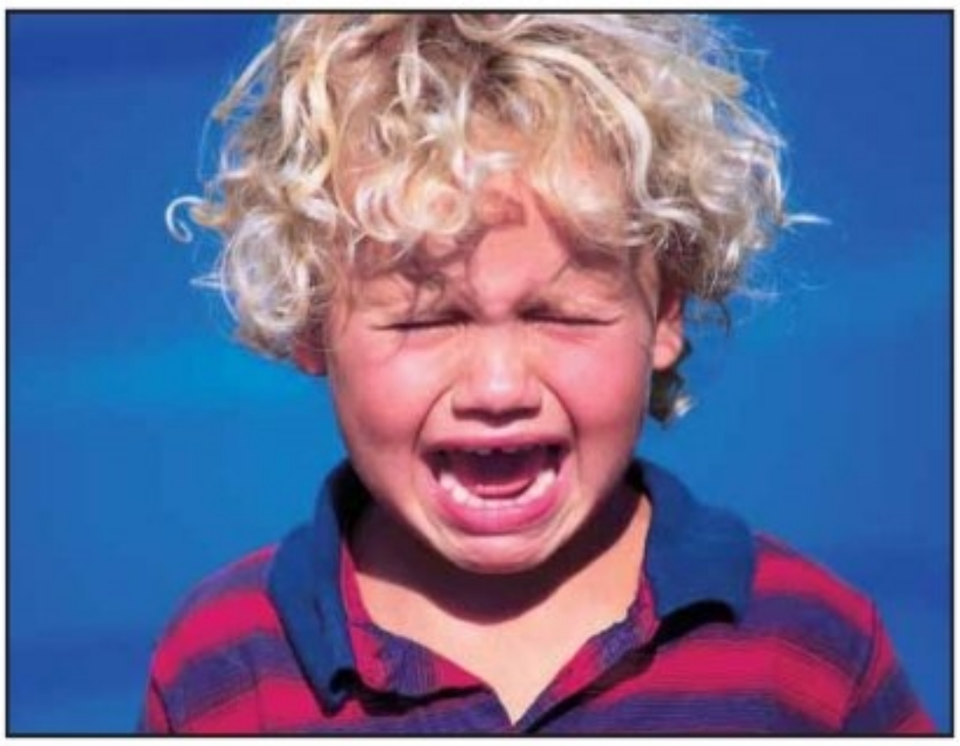

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Gay rights and wrongs

RE: "PROS, CONS OF GAY MARRIAGE": Those against gay marriage use the Bible as their source. However, nowhere in the Bible does it mention that marriage is between one man and one woman. In those ancient times, in fact, the standard was polygamy.
PETER BURRIS, VIA E-MAIL

Any society based on separation of church and state, like ours, shouldn't care how religions define "marriage." Historically, when African-Americans were allowed this civil right after emancipation, despite much religious objection, it was still called "marriage."
CHAD GROSS, HARLEM

New York's vote doesn't demonstrate a "bizarre" minority position, but how fearful and behind the times most of the country is. It's utterly disgraceful that, in 2011, we're still "debating" this.
THOMAS S. FERRUGIA, VIA E-MAIL

Those critics of the law should remember that our government was founded on the belief that "all men are created equal." It is an abomination that some states have amended their constitutions to deny equal rights.
RICHARD E. WEBER, JR., NEW YORK

Separate but equal is not equal. If religious connotation of the word "marriage" is what causes issues for people opposing gay marriage, then the government should stop recognizing marriages altogether.
JARED EGAN, VIA E-MAIL

I am tired of people calling gay marriage blasphemous and sacrilegious. Marriage is not a religious practice just because you can get married in a church. People who are not religious get married as well. Just because you were brought up to believe something, it doesn't mean it is right.
YESENIA TORRES, QUEENS

Like Herb Stark, I am for allowing gay marriage if it is named differently in order to protect the sanctity of its heterosexual forebear. My proposal: schmarriage. All schmarried couples have equal rights as married couples. Elder gay couples can celebrate their 50th schwedding anniversaries, midlifers can renew their schvows, and freshly hitched couples can revel in their schnuptial bliss.
STEVEN AHERN, VIA E-MAIL

Religion has nothing to do with the legal rights of a human being. In fact, most marriages are not based in religion — just on love. **MICHAEL DIMARTINO, HELLS KITCHEN**

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It's nice of them to offer, but don't let associates attempt to do something for you that you feel you can do better.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There is a strong chance that an unusual development might arise that could affect your material well-being if you're not on top of it. Heed your instincts.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** When you select your companions, choose those who are your equal intellectually. Don't consider anyone who can't keep up with your thinking.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Impressive objectives are reachable, but only if you're prepared to pay whatever price you must in order to achieve them. Unless you focus on success, you could easily be deterred.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** In order to win over supporters as well as have possibilities for success, your intentions must be clearly spelled out. Tell it like it is, warts and all.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** A matter in which you're involved can be further adjusted to potentially provide much greater rewards. Study it closely before you go off in a direction where there's no turning back.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** As long as you're realistic, you should be able to renegotiate a matter of significance. You may not get everything you want, but you might be able to rework it a bit.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** When planning your day, you should put fun and games at the bottom of your list, not at the top. By keeping your priorities in perspective, you should be able to get to do everything you desire.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Although there are periods when you want to work solely on your own, there are also days when a collective effort is far more advantageous. It might be one of those times.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Instead of concentrating only on negative factors, trust that something good is on its way that could benefit you in needed ways. It's a development that unites, not divides.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** In order to help you operate with greater efficacy, your personal affairs might need to be reorganized a bit. Study your modus operandi.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Seek out those friends or associates who really believe in you and in what you're doing if you think you need some financial or business advice. They're the ones who'll be the most helpful. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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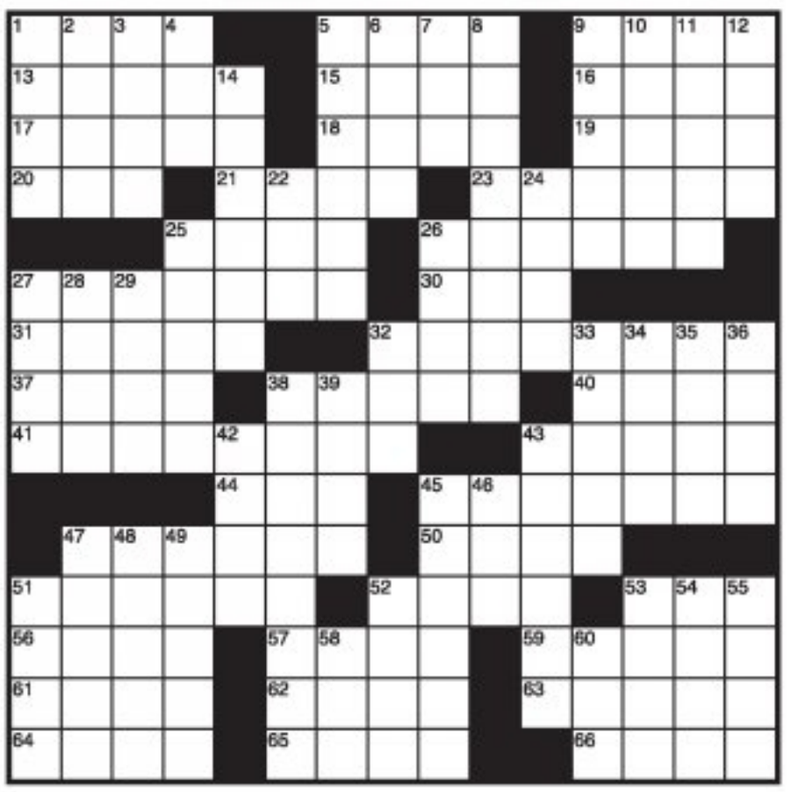

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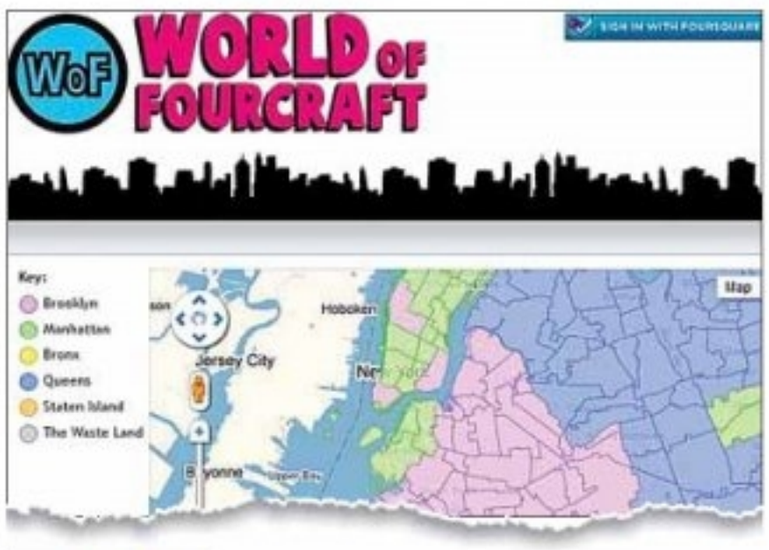
Foursquare hack turns New York into a giant game of Risk

The board game Risk, in which players maneuver plastic armies on a map in order to achieve "world domination," has firmly occupied one corner of nerdom for about 50 years. Foursquare stationed itself in another more tech-oriented corner of that same kingdom about two years ago. Now, at last, the two categories of nerdom meet.

"World of Fourcraft" uses Foursquare and Google Maps APIs to turn New York City into a giant game of Risk. Users decide which team they are on by swearing allegiance to one of New York City's five boroughs. Checking into a neighborhood on Foursquare is the online game's equivalent to placing plastic man on a country in the board game. An algorithm decides who owns each neighborhood using the number of people who have checked into it on each team.



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"The only reward is the feeling of pride you normally only get from being re-tweeted."
THE RULES OF 'WORLD OF FOURCRAFT'

"We wanted to make foursquare more compelling for long-term use," says Ricky Robinett, one member of the seven-person team that created the game during a weekend hackathon at New York's General Assembly. "[On Foursquare] you have a weekly total that gets swiped at the end of the week. This keeps adding up."

Three days in, it looks like Manhattan is winning the game, which took the "Best Location Hack" award at the hackathon. Not that winning gets you coupons or anything.

"There are no prizes. There are no celebrations. The only reward is the feeling of pride you normally only get from being re-tweeted," explain the rules on the site.

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E-reading

Publishers launch first digital-only textbook

McGraw-Hill launched its first all-digital, cloud-based textbook for the K-12 market on Monday at the International Society for Technology in Education conference.

Unlike the company's previous digital efforts for this age group, the books are intended to be used as primary texts (other McGraw-Hill digital texts have been sold as a companion of physical textbooks). This is the first time a major publisher has launched such a platform.

Grade schools and high schools have been slower to adopt digital textbooks than universities, at least partly because K-12 textbooks are traditionally provided by schools — many of which lack hardware to ensure that all of their students can access them.

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Top three

Sarah Newell, lifestyle editor at Theknot.com, lets us in on the top three bridal DIY projects:

- **1:** Favors
- **2:** Escort cards
- **3:** Ceremony programs

Should a bride wait until she has her dress before coming in for a consultation?

"I highly suggest having the dress finalized first before looking into hair extensions. The look of the dress will determine what type and how much extension is needed."

How far in advance of a wedding should a bride start working with a hair stylist?

"Four to six months, which gives the bride enough time to decide the looks she wants and make changes, if necessary. She can start by looking at magazines and discussing the looks she wants during the consultation."

Are there certain kinds of extensions that are more suitable for a wedding (i.e., clipped on as opposed to sewn in)?

"I personally prefer using clip-ons because it allows me enough flexibility to play around with the hair. Not to mention, clip-ons are less time consuming than having the extension sewn in."

How many days before the wedding should the bride have the extensions put in?

"For people opting for fillers, I suggest having them put in two weeks in to allow hair to be "lived in," to make it more natural looking. [Clip-on extensions] can be put in the day of the event, assuming a trial run was done beforehand."

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5 Ways to personalize your special day

The venue you chose comes with a built-in caterer, planner and florists. So how do you make the day feel and look like you? Entertaining expert Karen Bussen, author of "Simple Stunning Weddings," weighs in.

TINA CHADHA
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1 "Choose a place that feels like you, whether it already has things incorporated or not. You don't want to pick a place that absolutely doesn't look like you. You gotta get somewhere close to your own personal style."

2 "Start with the tabletop. Personalizing the look of the wedding can be as easy as adding an overlay of fabric over the basic table cloth that's already provided. And decorate each napkin, whether it's adding a sprig of rosemary or a fun little note that you can put on the tables."

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A big summer for Islanders

Nearly three decades after the last of their championships, Isles are a team in flux ◗ Contracts for key players, offers to RFAs highlight a busy season ◗ Even more important: An Aug. 1 vote on a new Nassau arena

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▶ It's a critical summer for John Tavares' Islanders.

The history literally hangs on the wall in the bowels of Nassau Coliseum.

There are the four newspaper front pages celebrating the Islanders' four championships: two on each side of a mural of the most famous goal in franchise history: Bob Nystrom's tally at 7:11 of OT in Game 6 of the 1980 Stanley Cup finals.

That goal won the Isles their first of four straight Cups. Now, nearly 30 years after the last of the championships, the franchise might be facing the most transformative summer in its history.

The Islanders finished 27th out of 30 with a 30-39-13 mark last season, despite recording 47 points in their final 47 games. They used the resulting No. 5 pick in the NHL draft on Niagara IceDogs center Ryan Strome.

Strome finished with 33 goals, 73 assists, 106 points and 82 penalty minutes in 65 games last season.

He's now part of a core of young Isles who are already in the NHL — or soon will be.

"There are a lot of good things for this team coming up. If we can stay healthy, especially on the back end, I think we'll have a really good team and surprise a lot of people," P.A. Parenteau told Metro following a shootout loss in the team's home finale this season.

"We're going to be ready for next year."

The organization locked up Calder candidate Michael Grabner and Kyle Okposo to five-year deals in May, and made qualifying offers to restricted free agents Josh Bailey, Blake Comeau, Michael Haley, Jesse Joensuu, Dylan Reese and Ty Wishart on Sunday.

Still, the Islanders are $11.6 million under the salary cap floor. Some of that should eventually go to a long-term deal for John Tavares.

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Off the ice

Nassau County residents will vote Aug. 1 on a referendum over a new Nassau Coliseum.

- **The county and team** have agreed to a lease that would keep the team on Long Island until 2045 — depending on the outcome of the vote.
- **A county-commissioned study** indicated a new Coliseum would create 1,515 construction jobs, 3,040 permanent jobs and $1.2 billion in revenue.
- **County exec Ed Mangano** said the maximum cost to Nassau County would be $350 million. County residents already pay an average of $8,206 in property taxes.

In the news

Mets at Detroit today

The Mets won't have an easy tuneup for this weekend's Subway Series. They're facing Detroit ace Justin Verlander (10-3, 2.38 ERA) in the finale of their three-game interleague set with the Tigers. Gametime is 1:05 p.m., (SNY).

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In the news

Brazil a winner at World Cup

Brazil held off a scrappy Australia team for a 1-0 win in its Group D opener at the Women's World Cup.

Rosana scored the game's only goal in the 54th minute off a pretty header from teammate Cristiane.

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Nadal tops last US man left

Rafael Nadal eased into the Wimbledon semifinals yesterday, ousting the lone American left in the draw.

Nadal topped Mardy Fish, 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4, setting up a showdown with Britain's Andy Murray.

But the Spanish world No. 1's injured foot is still causing concern. He appeared to show no ill effects from the injury he suffered in his defeat of Juan Martin del Potro, but Nadal said only injections had been getting him through the later rounds at the All England Club. **REUTERS**

Federer blows a 2-set lead

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga tore up the Wimbledon script with a devastating comeback to knock Roger Federer out yesterday.

Federer's unlikely 3-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 defeat on a stunned Centre Court was the first time he had lost a Grand Slam match from two sets up. It meant there will be no repeat of the star-studded semifinal lineup at the French Open, in which the world's leading quartet faced each other. **REUTERS**

Djokovic reaches semifinals

A subdued Novak Djokovic used all his experience to win a game of cat and mouse with Bernard Tomic and reach his third Wimbledon semifinal yesterday.

The Serbian second seed looked out of sorts as he ended the dream run of the 18-year-old Australian qualifier with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory.

"He was not making many unforced errors from the baseline, which made my life very difficult," Djokovic said. "I was trying to change the pace, but he was better at that. It was like a game of cat and mouse." **REUTERS**

BAD BRITT: LOCKOUT LOSERS

Fantasy sports

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Some NFL players have spent the lockout chiseling their bodies with personal trainers. Others have used the extra free time to scrape the rust off their favorite bong.

With a new collective bargaining agreement seemingly close, the smell of training camp is in the air. Here's some players who lost value due to the work stoppage.

Brittle focus

Kenny Britt's off-field issues have been as well-documented as his elite talent. The dude has been arrested six times since entering the NFL, and recently ripped Roger Goodell on his Facebook page. He's likely facing a one- to two-game suspension and is a poor bet to be in shape when camp gets under way. That could lead to muscle pulls.

Rookie quarterbacks

It's hard to step right in and succeed as an NFL quarterback. It's almost impossible to do it after missing the entire offseason program. Rookies like **Cam Newton**, **Christian Ponder** and **Jake Locker** have fantasy upside, but are way behind the curve.

Crabby diva

Michael Crabtree has drawn the ire of his teammates for not showing up to informal workouts. His troublesome foot is also reportedly acting up again. Down arrow here.

An offseason without a job has been costly to Kenny Britt.

NFL news

Owens' tear

▶ **Terrell Owens** was already a declining player in search of a team. Now he's damaged goods. With news breaking that T.O. tore his ACL at age 37 this spring, he's officially hands-off in fantasy. He'll be lucky just to land on an NFL roster.

Top MLB pickups

Antonio Bastardo

▶ **RP, Phillies**
With both Ryan Madson and Jose Contreras on the DL, Bastardo is the short-term option for saves.

Lonnie Chisenhall

▶ **3B, Indians**
Cleveland's top hitting prospect is up and playing every day. Hit 17 jacks in 117 games at Triple-A in 2010.

Alex Presley

▶ **OF, Pirates**
Deep leaguers in need of speed should take a look. Presley had 18 steals in 75 Triple-A games this year.

NBA rookie ranks

These rookies are most likely to have a fantasy impact right away:

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Kyrie Irving, PG, CLE — Baron Davis will start, but Irving will close the gap quickly and push for 30 minutes. Can score at the NBA level now.

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Jan Vesely, F, WAS — Rashard Lewis' knees won't last long enough to hold Vesely back. Potential stats magnet.

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Norris Cole, PG, MIA — Mario Chalmers and Mike Bibby are both free agents. Cole is a deep sleeper who could end up starting.

Clubbing with the pros

Huddled in the caravan of trailers and trucks, near the driving range at Aronimink Golf Club, sits a portable golf buffet.

Or, as club technician Henry Luna describes it, "We're sort of like a NASCAR pit crew for golfers."

Luna and Wade Liles serve as club technicians for TaylorMade. Inside the truck, there are three work stations — with drawers stocked with grips, shafts, tips and heads.

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This week, the duo was stationed in Newtown Square for the AT&T National, where they are crafting clubs for the Tour's elite players. Blake Adams had a new set of irons made, K.J. Choi opted for drivers and Mike Weir had new grips installed. By 4 p.m. yesterday, the duo had hit the road for Illinois and the John Deere Classic.

"The travel schedule is hectic, but I love it," said Liles, who started with the company in 1987. "I dedicated myself to TaylorMade, and they've dedicated themselves to me."

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▶ Luna bends a driver into shape.

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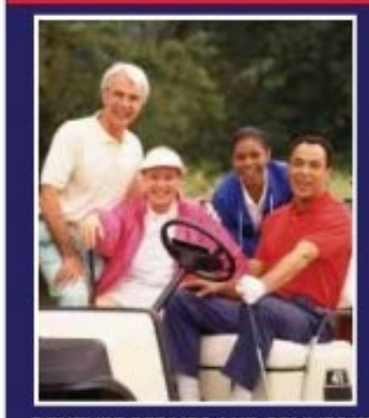

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Working with relievers paying off for Swisher's throwing arm

Long tossing with relievers is turning Nick Swisher into a better thrower.

The benefits of working with David Robertson and Boone Logan showed Tuesday, when Swisher made a nice one-hop throw for the final out of the sixth inning. It was his sixth assist in 626 innings manning right field — matching his career high, set six years ago with Oakland.

"I try to learn as much as I can," Swisher said before last night's game with Milwaukee. "I'm not a pitcher, so I don't know the mechanics of the arm angle. I don't have a cannon, but I know whatever I have I can better that. So I started talking to these guys, started trying to do a little bit on the pitcher's side of things."

"I'm trying to take a little more pride in the defensive end of things."
NICK SWISHER

Swisher's throw was so impressive that catcher Russell Martin gave him the ball. Martin said throws like that don't happen often but taking a pitcher's mentality might lead to more assists.

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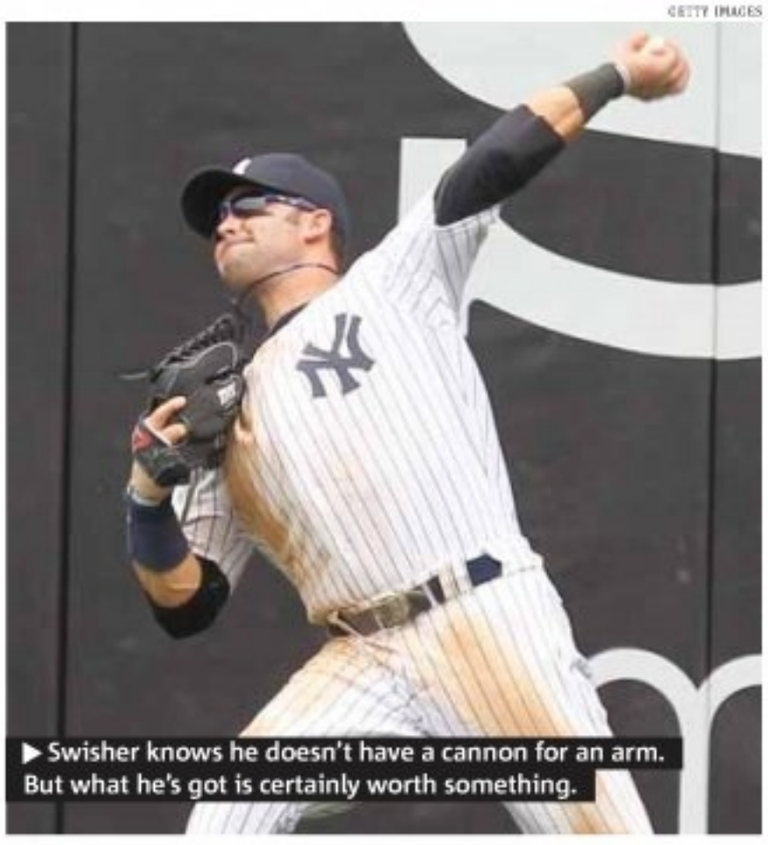

▶ Swisher knows he doesn't have a cannon for an arm. But what he's got is certainly worth something.

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